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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17
47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005
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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 12, SECTION 13 OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REGENTS ON THE NEW
MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS FROM FIVE MEMBERS TO
SEVEN.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 13
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The legislature shall provide for the control and
management of each of said institutions, except the university
of New Mexico and New Mexico state university, by a board of
regents for each institution, consisting of five members, four
of whom shall be qualified electors of the state of New Mexico,
one of whom shall be a member of the student body of the
institution and no more than three of whom at the time of their

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1 appointment shall be members of the same political party;
2 provided, however, that the student body member provision in
3 this section shall not apply to the New Mexico school for the
4 deaf, the New Mexico military institute, the northern New
5 Mexico state school or the New Mexico school for the blind and
6 visually [~~handicapped~~] impaired, and for each of those four
7 institutions all five members of the board of regents shall be
8 qualified electors of the state of New Mexico. The governor
9 shall nominate and by and with the consent of the senate shall
10 appoint the members of each board of regents for each of said
11 institutions. The terms of said nonstudent members shall be
12 for six years, provided that of the five first appointed the
13 terms of two shall be for two years, the terms of two shall be
14 for four years and the term of one shall be for six years.
15 Following the approval by the voters of this amendment and upon
16 the first vacancy of a position held by a nonstudent member on
17 each eligible institution's board of regents, the governor
18 shall nominate and by and with the consent of the senate shall
19 appoint a student member to serve a two-year term. The
20 governor shall select, with the advice and consent of the
21 senate, a student member from a list provided by the president
22 of the institution. In making the list, the president of the
23 institution shall give due consideration to the recommendations
24 of the student body president of the institution.

25 The legislature shall provide for the control and

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1 management of the university of New Mexico by a board of
2 regents consisting of seven members, six of whom shall be
3 qualified electors of the state of New Mexico, one of whom
4 shall be a member of the student body of the university of New
5 Mexico and no more than four of whom at the time of their
6 appointment shall be members of the same political party. The
7 governor shall nominate and by and with the consent of the
8 senate shall appoint the members of the board of regents. The
9 present five members shall serve out their present terms. The
10 two additional members shall be appointed in 1987 for terms of
11 six years. Following the approval by the voters of this
12 amendment and upon the first vacancy of a position held by a
13 nonstudent member on the university of New Mexico's board of
14 regents, the governor shall nominate and by and with the
15 consent of the senate shall appoint a student member to serve a
16 two-year term. The governor shall select, with the advice and
17 consent of the senate, a student member from a list provided by
18 the president of the university of New Mexico. In making the
19 list, the president of the university of New Mexico shall give
20 due consideration to the recommendations of the student body
21 president of the university.

22 The legislature shall provide for the control and
23 management of New Mexico state university by a board of regents
24 consisting of seven members, six of whom shall be qualified
25 electors of the state of New Mexico, one of whom shall be a

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1 member of the student body of New Mexico state university and
2 no more than four of whom at the time of their appointment
3 shall be members of the same political party. The governor
4 shall nominate and by and with the consent of the senate shall
5 appoint the members of the board of regents. The present five
6 members shall serve out their present terms. The terms of the
7 nonstudent members shall be for six years. The two additional
8 members shall be appointed in 2007 for terms of six years. The
9 governor shall select, with the advice and consent of the
10 senate, a student member to serve a two-year term from a list
11 provided by the president of New Mexico state university. In
12 making the list, the president of New Mexico state university
13 shall give due consideration to the recommendations of the
14 student body president of the university.

15 Members of the board shall not be removed except for
16 incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
17 Provided, however, no removal shall be made without notice of
18 hearing and an opportunity to be heard having first been given
19 such member. The supreme court of the state of New Mexico is
20 hereby given exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings
21 to remove members of the board under such rules as it may
22 promulgate, and its decision in connection with such matters
23 shall be final."

24 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
25 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

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1 rejection at the next general election or at any special
2 election prior to that date that may be called for that
3 purpose.

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